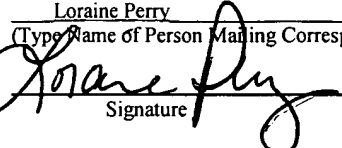


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Examiner: Eleni A. Shiferaw)
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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This paper is filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired September 28, 2005. A petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in which to respond and the requisite fee are filed herewith.

Please amend the application as follows.